

**CITY OF MILPITAS
RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 24, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL 1ST FLOOR COMMITTEE CONFERENCE RM.
455 E. CALAVERAS BLVD, MILPITAS CA 95035**

I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2017 MEETING

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the audience are invited to address the Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must state their name and address for the Secretary's record, and limit their remarks to under three minutes. As an item not on the agenda, no response is required of City staff or the Commission; however, the Commission may place the item on the agenda for a future meeting.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (10 min)**
- 2. CHINA RECYCLING POLICY AND EFFECT ON LOCAL MARKETS (15 min)**
- 3. PLASTIC STRAWS AND BOTTLE CAPS (10 min)**
- 4. RECOMMENDATION FOR SBOSG REPRESENTATIVE (10 min)**

X. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. REVIEW OF NEW PROGRAM ROLL-OUT AND BILLING TRANSITION DISCUSSION (15 min)**

XI. STATUS OF DIVERSION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

XII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BACKGROUND: The existing RSRAC bylaws state that a Chair and Vice Chair are to be selected annually at the first meeting of the year for a term of one year. The Chair is responsible for calling to order and presiding over all sessions. The Vice Chair assumes the Chair's duties in his/her absence. Alternates may not be nominated for either position as there is the ongoing possibility they may not be seated at every meeting depending upon member attendance.

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct an election for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

2. CHINA RECYCLING POLICY AND EFFECT ON LOCAL MARKETS

BACKGROUND: China placed its "National Sword" policy into effect and has set strict new contaminate thresholds for paper and import bans on mixed paper and various types of post-consumer plastics. These materials continue to be collected and recovered, but there are extremely limited markets available. China no longer wants a large portion of these materials and the rest of the Asian export market cannot absorb the entire volume that is being rejected. Recently, mixed paper dropped from \$100 per ton to paying \$20 per ton to recycle. Commodities are stacking up and the ability to store materials or ship out of state has become a problem for all collectors and recyclers. As a result, some Bay Area cities have started to landfill recyclables (Sacramento landfills some recyclables, San Mateo County landfilling plastics). Greenwaste Recovery processes recyclables collected in Milpitas and is currently able to market recyclable materials. It has not yet informed Milpitas Sanitation (MSI) of a need to start landfilling recyclables. MSI will await notice of higher disposal costs to landfill recyclables from Greenwaste Recovery. Should this occur, it is possible under the franchise agreement to pass higher per ton disposal rates onto customers.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only at this time. The issue will be reviewed by the City Attorney and presented to Council should landfilling of recyclables occur.

3. PLASTIC STRAWS AND BOTTLE CAPS

BACKGROUND: Assembly Bill 1884, introduced by Ian Calderon, D-Whittier, inserts new language into the Retail Food section of the California Health and Safety Code that would require dine-in restaurants to have a straws-upon-request policy. The bill, which is not a ban on plastic straws, is intended to curb the use of straws and help protect the environment. Violations would be misdemeanors "punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 6 months, or by both." AB 1844 is one of several measures advancing in the Legislature that seek to reduce consumer waste. For example, AB 319, introduced by Assemblyman Mark Stone, D-Scotts Valley, passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and would require all single-use plastic bottles to have

a cap tethered to them by 2020. In California, only the City of Alameda requires that straws be provided upon request and that all takeout foodware be reusable, compostable, and in a few specific cases, recyclable.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss plastic straws issue and adopt “wait and see” stance pending outcome of proposed State legislation.

4. RECOMMENDATION FOR SOUTH BAY ODOR STAKEHOLDERS GROUP REPRESENTATIVE

BACKGROUND: The South Bay Odor Stakeholders Group, formed in 2015, serves as a forum for municipal leaders, private industry, state and local regulators and members of the community to collaborate in identifying and resolving odor issues in the South Bay. The SBOSG provides and shares timely communication regarding odor issues affecting residents and businesses located in the South Bay. At its April 3, 2018 meeting, the City Council directed RSRAC to provide recommendations of people interested in representing the City at SBOSG’s quarterly meetings. These are held at the Sonesta Silicon Valley Hotel, 1820 Barber Lane, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The upcoming meeting, which occurs before the current RSRAC meeting, will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The following meeting will be held July 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Patti Sexton, Home Energy Advisor with Acterra and a Milpitas resident is interested in representing the community on SBOSG. Staff advises that Ms. Sexton be recommended, along with any other representative RSRAC members may want the Council to consider, to staff by Friday, May 18 for presentation to Council on June 5, 2018.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. PROGRAM ROLL-OUT AND BILLING TRANSITION DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND: An informal discussion of the residential and business solid waste program occurred on January 23, 2018. MSI staff will be on-hand to answer any questions commissioners may have about the program and billing transition. In addition, staff will review current outreach methods to inform residents about regulations that guide program implementation.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss as needed.

XI. STATUS OF DIVERSION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Highlights of January – April 2018 program activities:

- a. Single Family Recycling & Waste Reduction: Completed and issued January - March quarterly newsletter and produced the April – June newsletter.

- b. Multi-family Recycling & Waste Reduction: Completed and issued the January newsletter and produced the April newsletter.
- c. Commercial Recycling & Waste Reduction: Completed and issued the January newsletter and produced the April newsletter. Ongoing site visits conducted by Milpitas Sanitation to start or improve recycling services.
- d. Street Sweeping: Created and placed two versions of a print advertisement appearing monthly in *The Milpitas Post*.
- e. Planned and facilitated the April 21 Compost Giveaway at KLA-Tencor parking lot on Technology Drive including promotions coordination with street sweeping print ads, coupon / flyer for public counters, City Facebook account, website and KMLP-15 announcements.
- f. Program Coordination: City and MSI staff conducted two operations meetings to review service delivery concerns and share information.

RECOMMENDATION: Note receipt and file.

XII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Commission is July 24, 2018 at 6 pm.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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